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REMARKS

Claims 15-19 are pending in this application, with claim 15 being independent. Claims 15-17 have been amended. Care has been exercised not to introduce new matter. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank Examiner Lin and Supervisory Examiner Pendleton for the thoughtful courtesies and kind treatment afforded to Applicants' representative, Babak Akhlaghi, during the telephonic interview conducted on November 26, 2008. This response reflects the substance of the interview.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2002/0037159 ("Goto"). As set forth in the interview agenda submitted on November 25, 2008, Goto fails to describe or suggest an information processing terminal capable of communicating with an external recorder/player and controlling a reproduction of video information of a program stored in the external recorder/player.

During the interview the Examiners agreed that Goto fails to describe the above-recited feature and further agreed that Applicants overcome the pending rejection of claim 15 if they amend claim 15 to include the above-recited feature. In reliance on these agreements, Applicants have amended claim 15 to recite an information processing terminal capable of communicating with an external recorder/player and controlling a reproduction of video information of a

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program stored in the external recorder/player. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15 and of its dependent claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goto in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,854,127 (“Kanemitsu”). Kanemitsu was only relied upon for an alleged showing that the receiver receives information about a rebroadcast of the program and the controller controls the display so as to display the information about the rebroadcast of the program. As such, Applicants do not believe that the proposed addition of the subject matter from Kanemitsu remedies the shortcomings of Goto to describe or suggest the above-recited features of claim 15.

Therefore, for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claim 15, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 17.

Dependent Claims

Under Federal Circuit guidelines, a dependent claim is nonobvious if the independent claim upon which it depends is allowable because all the limitations of the independent claim are contained in the dependent claims, *Hartness International Inc. v. Simplimatic Engineering Co.*, 819 F.2d at 1100, 1108 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Because claim 15 is allowable for the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims dependent thereon are also allowable. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable based on their own merits by adding novel and non-obvious features to the combination.

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Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under §§ 102/103 be withdrawn.

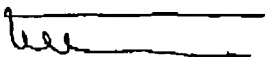
Conclusion

Accordingly, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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